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SINGAPORE vs AUSTRALIA
Saturday 30 June 2007
National Stadium
Kickoff 7.30pm

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The National Stadium Story (1973 - 2007)

Officially opened on 21 July 1973 by then Prime Minister Mr Lee Kuan Yew, the National Stadium was funded by proceeds from the sale of Singapore Sweep and Toto tickets.

The idea of raising money for sports through a national lottery was hatched in 1966. On 23 May 1968, Singapore Pools (Private) Limited was established. Between 1968 and 1976, it contributed S$14.5 million to the National Stadium project.

The Stadium helped nurture a rugged and robust society crucial to the growth of a young nation. It anchored Singapore Sports Council's visions – "Sports For All", "Sports For Life" and "Sporting Singapore" and bonded a nation as Singaporeans cheered our national football team to victory with the Kallang Roar and Kallang Wave. On National Days, it pulsated with 55,000 Singaporeans in a powerful expression of pride and patriotism.

Holding 34 years of memories and witness to the aspirations of an independent nation, the National Stadium will be fondly remembered. In tribute to the Grand Old Lady, Singapore Pools in partnership with the Singapore Sports Council brings you the National Stadium Commemorative Mug, to keep alive in our hearts, warm memories of colourful moments at the National Stadium.

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Since its inception in 1968, Singapore Pools has contributed over $1.5 billion to charitable and community causes. In 2003, the staff of Singapore Pools set the trail of volunteerism ablaze with a quarter of our staff now actively engaged in our community programme, **i-SHINE** – '**S**erving from the **H**eart and **I**n **N**urturing **E**veryone'.

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2007 Asean Football Championship Final 1st Leg
SINGAPORE vs THAILAND
31 January 2007

Message from Associate Professor Ho Peng Kee

President, Football Association of Singapore & Senior Minister of State for Law & Home Affairs

After 34 years, the National Stadium - one of Singapore's most iconic sports landmarks - is coming down to make way for the construction of the Sports Hub. Tonight's overwhelming response to the 'Field of Dreams - A Tribute to the National Stadium' event bears testimony to the National Stadium's special place in Singaporeans' hearts.

The Field of Dreams is a fitting tribute to the pitch that has witnessed numerous classic football matches over the past three decades.

Tonight we bid farewell to the National Stadium with two matches. First, a match between veterans from Singapore and Malaysia featuring ex-internationals such as Quah Kim Song, Fandi Ahmad, Samad Allapitchay and V Sundramoorthy. After that, we will witness an international friendly match between Asean champions Singapore and the Qantas Socceroos, newly admitted to the Asian Football Confederation. Very appropriately, there are elements of both the past and future in these games!

The National Stadium has come a long way since its first major international event, the 1973 South-East Asia Peninsula Games.Whilst its fame extends to the many memorable National Day Parades and electrifying performances of megastars such as Stevie Wonder, Michael Jackson and Bob Dylan, for many football aficionados, the National Stadium will be long remembered for the many exciting games that have graced its pitch, especially when the Lions roared and made us all proud to be Singaporeans.

So sit back and enjoy the evening's proceedings. More importantly let's give the Grand Old Lady a fitting send-off by giving our all to the Kallang Roar one last time!

Field of dreams

- A Tribute to the National Stadium

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Message from Oon Jin Teik

Chief Executive Officer, Singapore Sports Council

Firstly, a warm welcome to the Qantas Socceroos to the National Stadium.

Many of you might not know that Australia were the first international team to be hosted at these grounds some 34 years ago, when Singapore played hockey with them. And so it is fitting that Australia plays during the closing event for Singapore's very own 'Field of Dreams'.

Since its official opening in 1973, many aspirations, hopes and dreams of Singaporeans from all walks of life were born and realised at this iconic complex. From the rubber track to the wooden benches, the National Stadium has witnessed the achievement of many a dream, in the pursuit of sporting glory, national pride and celebrating our common identity.

A versatile multi-functional complex, the National Stadium adapted easily to host a wide range of events and her sporting personality was the most prominent because she was first and foremost designed for competitive sports.

Besides the grandeur of National Day parades and mega-concerts, numerous competitions and tournaments have been hosted here through the decades, from the South-East Asia Games, Standard Chartered Rugby Sevens, Singapore Marathon, New Paper Big Walk and Malaysia Cup.

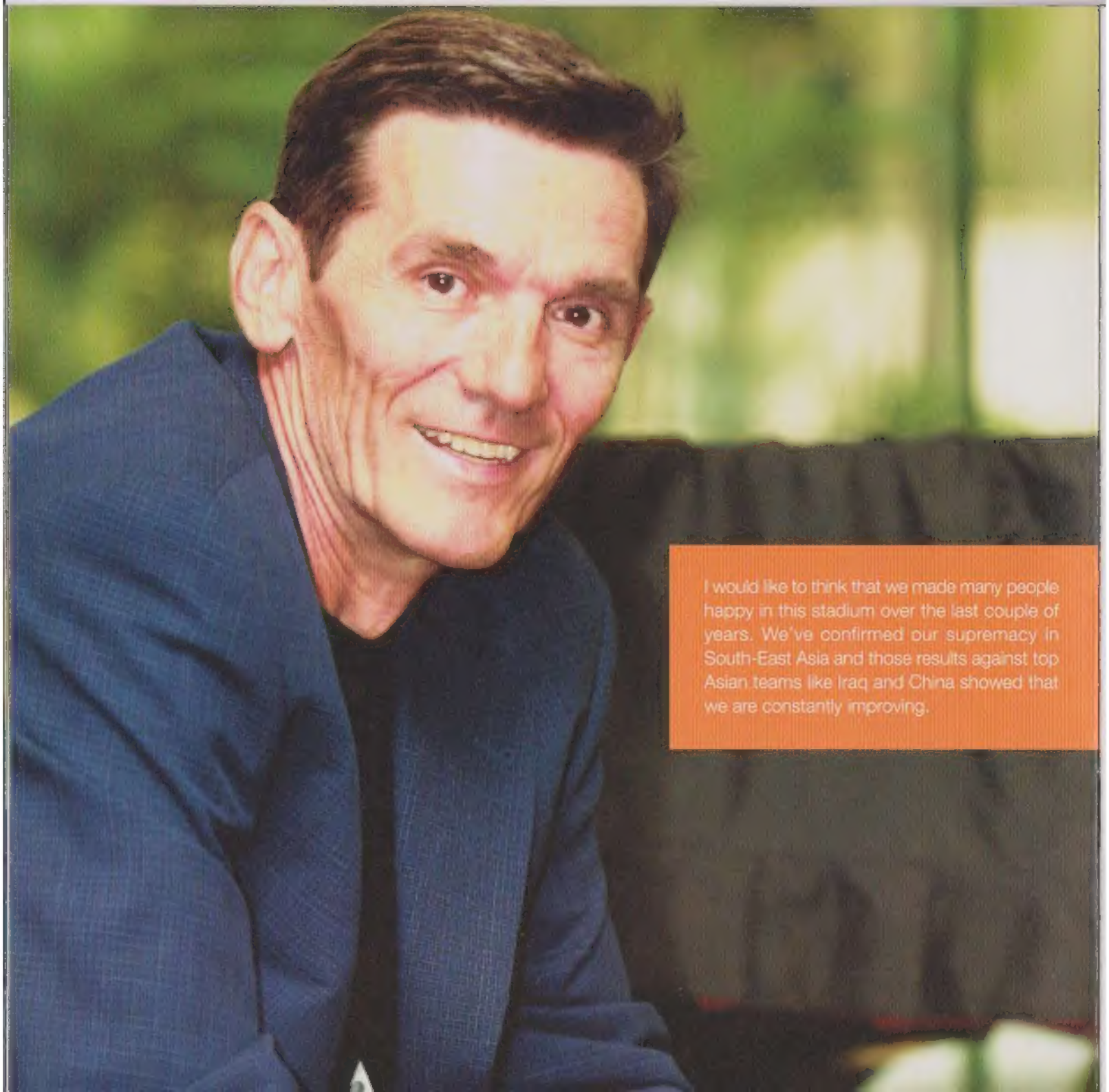
But it is football that has been inextricably linked with the Grand Old Dame and she brought the nation together in a big way, when generations came as one to support the National Team.

For years, whenever the Lions played, they had the populace with them. From the early days of Quah Kim Song to those of Fandi Ahmad and V.Sundramoorthy who entertained the crowds with their twinkle toes, the National Stadium hosted the dreams of many on and off the pitch.

Young footballers from every corner of the island dreamt of donning the national colours of Singapore. Every boy wanted to walk out on the pitch at the National Stadium and hear a 55,000-strong crowd cheer for him.

That dream also stretched to him scoring the winning goal to give Singapore the coveted Malaysia Cup. Such were the dreams of fathers and their sons and these dreams have come true for some of our gifted players.

The National Stadium has done well in keeping Singapore together and while she will make way for the new, she will always have a place in the hearts of Singaporeans and be remembered as a 'Field of Dreams'.



I would like to think that we made many people happy in this stadium over the last couple of years. We've confirmed our supremacy in South-East Asia and those results against top Asian teams like Iraq and China showed that we are constantly improving.

The Coach
Radojko Avramovic

Good evening. A big welcome on this historic day to the National Stadium. It's always nice to see a full stadium when we walk out onto the pitch. When I was still a professional, I didn't like to play whenever the stadium wasn't full. Support from a full stadium will always inspire players to their best.

In the last few years, whenever our team played at this stadium, it was always important that we had strong support from the stands. Our players have always played to their best; winning two Asean Football Championships, beating Iraq as well as drawing with China here.

I would like to think that we made many people happy in this stadium over the last couple of years. We've confirmed our supremacy in South-East Asia and those results against top Asian teams like Iraq and China showed that we are constantly improving.

Looking back, we should have played a lot more games here at the National Stadium. With the new stadium coming up in a few years' time, I hope this will give our future teams more opportunities to play against big clubs and National Teams from all over the world.

The new stadium can become the centre in Asia for international football and will be a great platform for us to host top international matches and top tournaments.

Tonight's match is a great occasion for us as we will be facing Australia, one of the best teams in Asia. They showed that during the World Cup Finals last year and it will certainly not be an easy game for us tonight. 19 of their squad play in top European leagues and I'm sure all of you can look forward to a night of very good football.

For me, since coming to coach Singapore four years ago, I have many memories of our games in this wonderful stadium. Of course, beating Iraq 2-0 last year was one of our best ever results. However, my best moment in the National Stadium was during the Tiger Cup semi-final 2nd leg match two years ago against Myanmar.

The way we came back from 2-0 down to eventually win 4-2 and reach the final was very special as it showed our spirit.

I was very proud of the team for the way they fought till the last moment.

Looking forward, we've already done the hard part in selecting a team for the future. What is important from now is to give ample opportunities for the players to prepare to their best for each and every competition they are taking part in. Without the right preparation, we cannot achieve anything. The upcoming competitions in the future should show how much we have improved as a team and that we are closer to the top of Asia now.

Right now, we have players of greater quality and thus more players we can choose from. The selection of players you see today should guarantee a stable team for the next four to six years. It is a very young squad, with 20 of them aged 23 or younger.

Enjoy the game today and thanks for your tremendous support.

Captaining the side to back-to-back wins was possibly the most memorable achievements in my career and to be able to do it at the National Stadium was very special.

The Captain
Aide Iskandar

When I was growing up, I would always look forward to the weekends when I would be able to go to the National Stadium and cheer our team on. The atmosphere back then was amazing and one day I told myself that I was going to work hard so that I would be able to play for my country and play in front of a packed crowd at the National Stadium.

And I did. I was picked for the National Team in 1994 and I was also fortunate enough to have captained my country which is a huge honour

There have just been too many great memories for myself when it comes to the National Stadium so it would almost be impossible to name just one

Although whenever I think about the National Stadium, the two things that always come to mind are the Kallang Roar and the Kallang Wave. I don't think you can separate those two from the National Stadium.

Perhaps the thing that I will miss most about the National Stadium will be the atmosphere the place generated. It's just not the same ***playing anywhere else.***

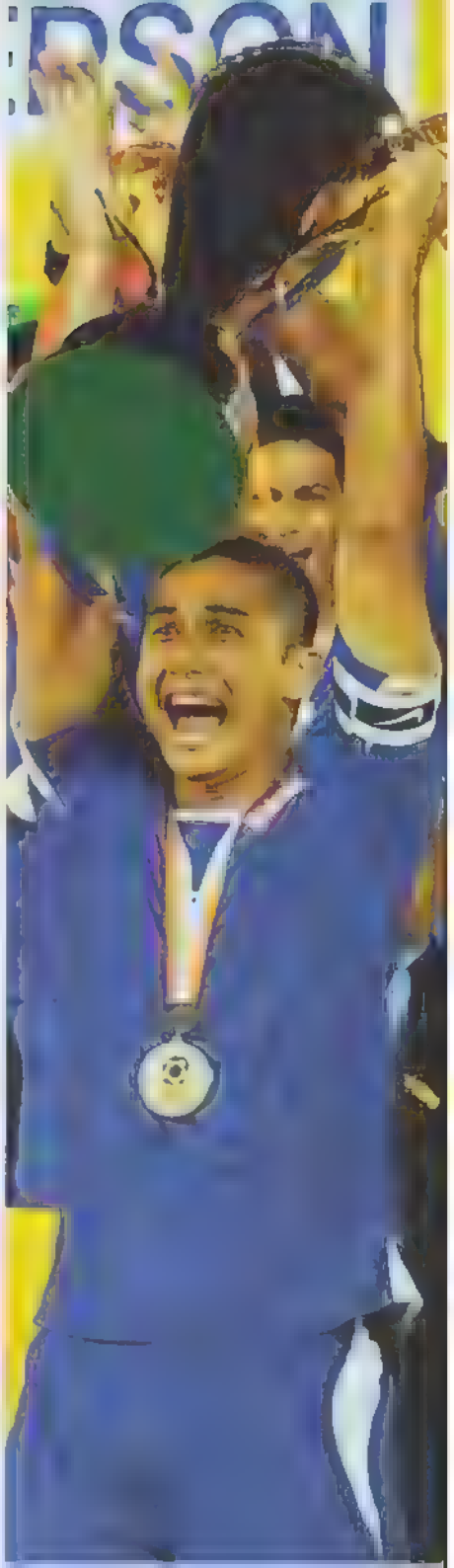
The successful Malaysia Cup season in 1994 - which turned out to be our last season in the competition - was very special indeed but all the other international matches have been memorable for their own reasons too.

We played against some very strong National Teams in Asian Cup and World Cup qualifiers and we also had the chance to play against big teams like Manchester United, Liverpool, (Nottingham) Forest and Tottenham (Hotspur)

But perhaps the best memory would have to be when we won the Asean Football Championship in 2005 and then again in 2007.

Captaining the side to back-to-back wins was possibly the most memorable achievements in my career and to be able to do it at the National Stadium was very special

Speaking as captain I think the whole team is very excited with the prospect of playing a top team like Australia. It will be a huge match for us and I personally think it will be a fitting finale for the National Stadium



Memories of the National Stadium

Dollah "Gelek King" Kassim
Legendary 1970s Singapore forward
"Playing in the Sultan's Gold Cup Final in 1973 when the Singapore Malays beat the Kelantan Malays 4-2, a match where I scored two goals. That match was memorable because it was the first football match ever played at the National Stadium."

Indra Sahdan
Goalscorer Supreme
"It would be hard for me to pick one particular moment because there have been just too many good ones. Playing for the National Team in front of a packed National Stadium is a great honour. I think being part of team that won two Asean Football Championships were especially sweet memories."

David Lee
Former Lions Number One
"It would have to be the Olympic Qualifier in 1980 against North Korea. Edmund Wee was first choice and got injured in only the third minute. The stadium became very quiet when I came on for Edmund. I was only 22 and was both nervous and excited. I kept thinking that I must not let the fans down. We won 3-1 in the end and I even sprained my ankle in the last 20 minutes. I was awarded the Man-of-the-Match award and from that day onwards, the fans knew who I was.

Raj Kumar
Sports Editor, 938LIVE
"In 1993, Sundram scored one of the best goals ever, in front of the Kallang Roar. Against Brunei in a Malaysian Premier Two League match, I watched Nazri Nazir cross from the right flank, only for the Dazzler to produce a bicycle kick in the centre of the box and score. It was a great night to remember with Steven Tan coming on as a substitute and scoring in less than 10 seconds on the field. To cap off the 8-0 rout, Alistair Edwards was also crowned the league's Golden Boot winner when he converted from the spot. Thank heavens; I still have the highlights on video!"

Jose Raymond
Today Senior Correspondent who was one of 65,000 cramped in the stands in March 1980 for the Olympics Qualifier between Singapore and China
"They came calling at the National Stadium as an Asian giant. Standing tall, they towered over the likes of Singapore Lions Edmund Wee and Wong Kok Choy. But after 90 minutes, China trooped off the hallowed turf of the National Stadium defeated, in spirit and in their hearts. Kok Choy's goal and 65,000 voices were all it took to put Singapore on the Asian, if not world map."

Marc Lim
Correspondent, The Straits Times / The Sunday Times
"It was a match Singapore eventually lost. But the 1993 SEA Games semi-final against Myanmar was a game that had it all. It was the epitome of drama in Kallang. We cheered after we led 2-0, but stared in horror as two own goals brought the scores level. It got worse in extra time when Myanmar got a third, but the Lions got a third to force a penalty shootout. The 1993 Lions may have lost 4-5 in the shootout but it was a match that won the hearts of many Singaporeans, mine included."

SINGAPORE

TEAM OFFICIALS

Head Coach: Radojko Avramovic

Goalkeeper Coach: Lee Bee Seng

Fitness Coach: Aleksandar Bezenko

Team Manager: Eugene Loo

Physiotherapist: Yeo Hwee Koon

Sports Trainer: Shandra

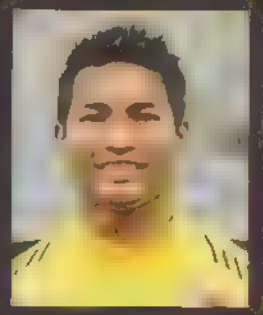
Kit Adminstrator: Omar Bin Mohamed

Media Officer: Eric Ong

Singapore

Lionel Lewis
Born: 16 December 1982
Position: Goalkeeper
Club: Home United
International Honours: 40 appearances

Baihakki Khaizan
Born: 31 January 1984
Position: Defender
Club: Young Lions
International Honours: 40 appearances (1 goal)



Hassan Sunny
Born: 2 April 1984
Position: Goalkeeper
Club: Geylang United
International Honours: 11 appearances

Hafiz Osman
Born: 15 February 1984
Position: Defender
Club: Singapore Armed Forces FC
International Honours: 5 appearances

Ismail Yunos
Born: 24 October 1986
Position: Defender
Club: Young Lions
International Honours: 1 appearance

Shariff Abdul Samat
Born: 5 January 1984
Position: Defender
Club: Tampines Rovers
International Honours: 0 appearances

Aide Iskandar
Born: 28 March 1975
Position: Defender
Club: Geylang United
International Honours: 118 appearances

Mohamed Noh Rahman
Born: 2 August 1980
Position: Defender
Club: Geylang United
International Honours: 44 appearances

Singapore

Precious Emuejeraye
Born: 21 March 1983
Position: Defender
Club: Gombak United
International Honours: 20 appearances

Daniel Bennett
Born: 7 January 1978
Position: Defender
Club: Singapore Armed Forces FC
International Honours:
56 appearances (6 goals

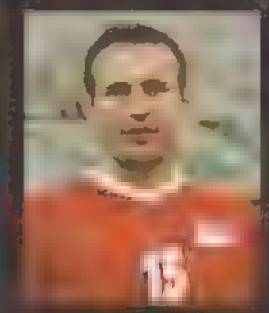
Isa Halim
Born: 15 May 1986
Position: Midfielder
Club: Young Lions
International Honours: 15 appearances

Ridhuan Muhammad
Born: 6 May 1984
Position: Midfielder
Club: Tampines Rovers
International Honours:
30 appearances (3 goals

Shi Jia Yi
Born: 2 September 1983
Position: Midfielder
Club: Home United
International Honours: 18 appearances

Hariss Harun
Born: 19 November 1990
Position: Midfielder
Club: Young Lions
International Honours: 1 appearance

John Wilkinson
Born: 24 August 1979
Position: Midfielder
Club: Singapore Armed Forces FC
International Honours: 1 appearance



Mustafic Fahrudin
Born: 17 April 1981
Position: Midfielder
Club: Tampines Rovers
International Honours:
20 appearances (1 goal

Singapore

Shahril Ishak
Born: 23 January 1984
Position: Midfielder
Club: Home United
International Honours:
45 appearances (5 goals)

Masrezwan Masturi
Born: 17 February 198
Position: Forward
Club: Singapore Armed Forces FC
International Honours:
15 appearances (1 goal)

Ashrin Shariff
Born: 10 October 1982
Position: Forward
Club: Singapore Armed Forces FC
International Honours: 11 appearances

Indra Sandan
Born: 5 March 1979
Position: Forward
Club: Home United
International Honours:
30 appearances (24 goals)

Fazrul Nawaz
Born: 17 April 1985
Position: Forward
Club: Young Lions
International Honours:
17 appearances (1 goal)

Khairul Amri
Born: 14 March 1985
Position: Forward
Club: Young Lions
International Honours:
34 appearances (8 goals)

Agu Casmir
Born: 22 March 1984
Position: Forward
Club: Gombak United
International Honours:
16 appearances (6 goals)

Singapore

AUSTRALIA

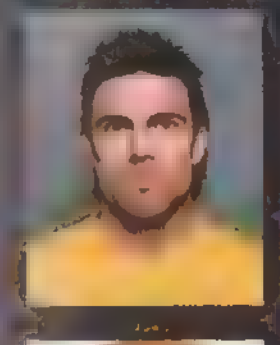
TEAM OFFICIALS

Head of Delegation: Phillip Wolanski
Team Manager: Gary Moretti
Head Coach: Graham Arnold
Assistant Coach: John Kosmina
Assistant Coach: Rob Baan
Goalkeeping Coach: Tony Franken
Strength/Conditioning: Anthony Crea
Technical Analyst: Ray Junna
Doctor: Dr Peter Brukner
Physiotherapist: Phil Coles
Physiotherapist: Les Gelis
Physiotherapist: Andrew Young
Masseur: Luke Attwell
Equipment Manager: Dominic Rabsch
Equipment Assistant: Martin Felice
Team Administration: Jamie Gomez
Media Manager: Stuart Hodge
Media Assistant: Lindsay McNeill
Security: Brendan Patterson

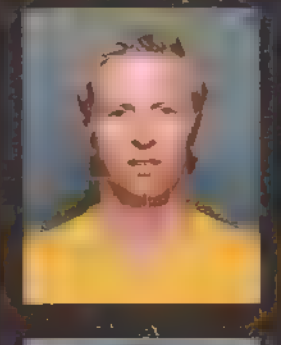
Australia

John ALOISI
Born: 5 August 1976, Adela[illegible]
Position: Attacker
Club: Alaves (Spain)
Socceroo honours:
52 appearances (26 goals) [1997-2007]
50 A internationals (26 goals) / 2 non–A internationals (2 goals)

Nick CARLE
Born: 23 November 1981, Sydney, NSW
Position: Midfielder/Attacker
Club: Genclerbirligi (Turkey)
Socceroo honours:
3 appearances [2004-2007]
3 A internationals

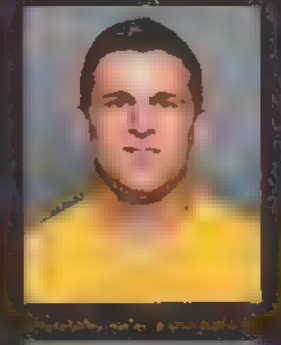


Michael BEAUCHAMP
Born: 8 March 1981, Sydney, NSW
Position: Defender
Club: Numberg (Germany)
Socceroo honours:
7 appearances [2006-2007]
6 A internationals / 1 non–A international



David CARNEY
Born: 30 November 1983, Sydney, NSW
Position: Midfielder
Club: Sydney FC (Australia)
Socceroo honours:
2 appearances [2006]
2 A internationals

Mark BRESCIANO
Born: 11 February 1980, Melbourne, Vic
Position: Midfielder
Club: Palermo (Italy)
Socceroo honours:
[illegible] appearances (9 goals) [2000-[illegible]]
32 A internationals (9 goals)

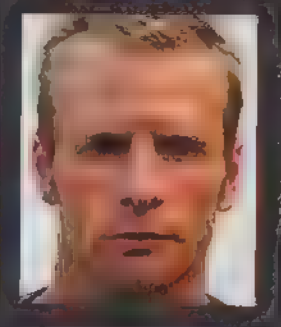


Jason CULINA
Born: 5 August 1980, Melbourne, Vic
Position: Midfielder/Attacker
Club: PSV Eindhoven (Netherlands)
Socceroo honours:
21 appearances (1 goal) [2005-2007]
21 A internationals (1 goal)

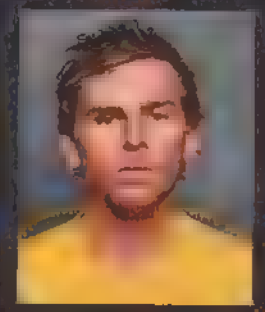
Tim CAHILL
Born: 6 December 1979, Sydney, NSW
Position: Midfielder
Club: Everton (England)
Socceroo honours:
24 appearances (12 goals) [2004-2007]
23 A internationals (11 goals) / 1 non–A international (1 goal)

Brett EMERTON
Born: 22 February 1979, Sydney, NSW
Position: Midfielder/Defender
Club: Blackburn Rovers (England)
Socceroo honours:
[illegible] appearances (13 goals) [1998-2007]
[illegible] A internationals (12 goals) / 5 non–A internationals (1 goal)

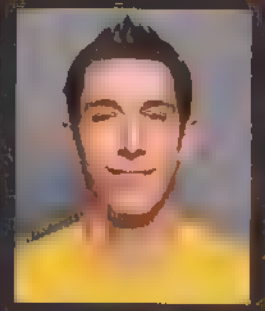
Australia



Vincenzo GRELLA
Born: 5 October 1979, Melbourne, Vic
Position: Midfielder
Club: Torino (Italy)
Socceroo honours:
29 appearances (1999-2007)
26 A internationals / 3 non–A internationals

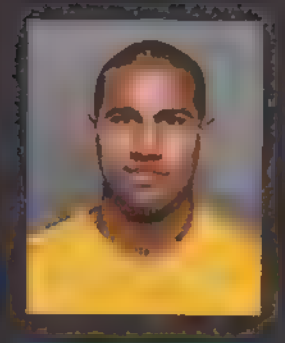


Brett HOLMAN
Born: 27 March 1984, Sydney, NSW
Position: Attacker
Club: NEC Nijmegen (Netherlands)
Socceroo honours:
6 appearances (1 goal) (2006-2007)
6 A internationals (1 goal)

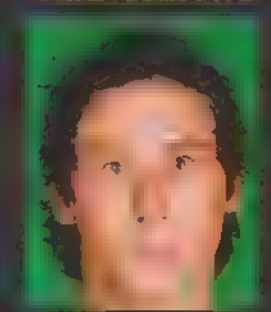


Brad JONES
Born: 19 March 1982, Armadale, Vic
Position: Goalkeeper
Club: Middlesbrough (England)
Socceroo honours:
1 appearance (2007)
1 A international

Harry KEWELL
Born: 22 September 1978, Sydney, NSW
Position: Midfielder/Attacker
Club: Liverpool (England)
Socceroo honours:
25 appearances (9 goals) (1996-2006)
23 A internationals (7 goals) /
2 non–A internationals (2 goals)

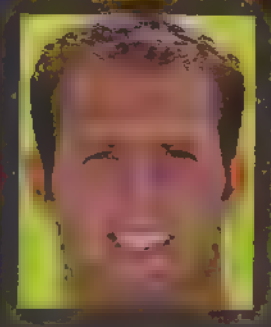


Patrick KISNORBO
Born: 24 March 1981, Melbourne, Vic
Position: Defender
Club: Leicester City (England)
Socceroo honours:
11 appearances (2002-2007)
11 A internationals



Mark MILLIGAN
Born: 4 August 1985, Sydney, NSW
Position: Defender
Club: Sydney FC (Australia)
Socceroo honours:
4 appearances (2006)
3 A internationals / 1 non–A international

Lucas NEILL
Born: 9 March 1978, Sydney, NSW
Position: Defender
Club: West Ham (England)
Socceroo honours:
33 appearances (1996-2007)
33 A internationals



Michael PETKOVIC
Born: 16 July 1976, Perth, WA
Position: Goalkeeper
Club: Sivasspor (Turkey)
Socceroo honours:
6 appearances (1999-2007)
5 A internationals / 1 non–A international

Australia

Correct as of 25 June 2007

Mark SCHWARZER
Born: 6 October 1972, Sydney, NSW
Position: Goalkeeper
Club: Middlesbrough (England)
Socceroo honours:
46 appearances [1993-2007]
45 A internationals / 1 non-A international

Mile STERJOVSKI
Born: 27 May 1979, Wollongong, NSW
Position: Attacker
Club: Basel (Switzerland)
Socceroo honours:
31 appearances (5 goals) [2000-2007]
31 A internationals (5 goals)

Archie THOMPSON
Born: 23 October 1978, Otorohanga, New Zealand
Position: Attacker
Club: Melbourne Victory (Australia)
Socceroo honours: 26 appearances (21 goals) [2001-2007]
25 A internationals (21 goals) / 1 non-A international

Michael THWAITE
Born: 2 May 1983, Brisbane, Qld
Position: Defender
Club: Wisla Krakow (Poland)
Socceroo honours:
5 appearances [2005-2007]
5 A internationals

Carl VALERI
Born: 14 August 1984, Canberra, ACT
Position: Midfielder
Club: Grosseto (Italy)
Socceroo honours:
2 appearances [2007]
2 A internationals

Mark VIDUKA
Born: 9 October 1975, Melbourne, Vic
Position: Attacker
Club: Newcastle United (England)
Socceroo honours:
40 appearances (6 goals) [1994-2007]
38 A internationals (6 goals) / 2 non-A internationals

Luke WILKSHIRE
Born: 2 October 1981, Wollongong, NSW
Position: Midfielder
Club: FC Twente (Netherlands)
Socceroo honours:
14 appearances [2004-2007]
14 A internationals

Qantas Socceroos

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